

United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans and to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 419; **Pages H7091–93, H7108–09**

Directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors: H.R. 1172, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 422; **Pages H7093–94, H7111**

Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009: H.R. 1016, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 409 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 420; **Pages H7094–97, H7109–10**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes." **Page H7110**

Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act: H.R. 1211, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 421; and **Pages H7097–H7101, H7110–11**

Making technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1777, to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 411 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 423. **Pages H7101–08, H7111–12**

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010. **Page H7108**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:13 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m. **Page H7108**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Paul A. Fino, former Member of Congress. **Page H7110**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–51). **Page H7091**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7090, H7112.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7108–09, H7109–10, H7110–11, H7111, H7111–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS/MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, APPROPRIATIONS FY 2010

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2010: State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies.

HEALTHCARE REFORM

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on The Tri-Committee Draft Proposal for Health Care Reform. Testimony was heard from Christina Romer, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HEALTHCARE REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: and the Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on draft health reform legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2868, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009.

V–22 OSPREY'S FUTURE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held an oversight hearing entitled "The Future of the V–22

Osprey: Costs, Capabilities, and Challenges.” Testimony was heard from Mike Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; the following officials of the U.S. Marine Corps, Department of Defense: LTG George Trautman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Aviation; and COL Karsten Heckl, USMC, Commander, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 (VMM-162); and public witnesses.

THE “DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010”

Committee on Rules: Granted by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or 5 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the following amendments: (1) the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report; (2) the amendments printed in part B of the report; (3) not to exceed four of the amendments printed in part C of the report, if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee; and (4) not to exceed one of the amendments printed in part D of the report, if offered by Representative Campbell of California or his designee. The rule provides that each such amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule also provides that the amendments printed in part B, C, or D of the report may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without intervening demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that after consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of

the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 2892, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clauses 8 and 9 of rule XX. Testimony was heard from Representatives Thompson of Mississippi; Waters; Jackson-Lee of Texas; Loretta Sanchez of California; Bean; Altmire; Clarke; Minnick; Rogers of Kentucky; King of New York; King of Iowa; Neugebauer; Poe and Latta.

THE “NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010”

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2647, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule considers as an original bill for the purpose of amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services. The committee amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and amendments en bloc. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report except that the amendments may be offered out of order provided the chair of the Committee on Armed Services announces from the floor a request to that effect, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule also permits the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc if those amendments have been printed in the Rules Committee report and not earlier disposed of. The Chair of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration any amendment printed in the report out of the order printed but not sooner than 30 minutes after the chair of the Committee on Armed Services announces from the floor a request

to that effect. Proponents of amendments to be considered en bloc may submitted a statement in the Congressional Record immediately prior to the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for two minute voting during consideration of H.R. 2647. Finally, the rule provides that, in the engrossment of H.R. 2647, the text of H.R. 2990, as passed the House, shall be added as new matter at the end of H.R. 2647. H.R. 2990 shall be laid on the table upon addition of its text of H.R. 2647. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton, Representatives Taylor, Loretta Sanchez of California; Sestak; Bordallo; Frank of Massachusetts; Moran of Virginia; Cummings; Blumenauer; Lee; Schakowsky; Miller of North Carolina; Boren; Lipinski; Hall of New York; Walz; McKeon; LoBiondo; Conaway; Franks of Arizona; Sessions; Smith of New Jersey; Gallegly; Kirk; Gingrey; King of Iowa and Bilirakis.

Joint Meetings

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN RUSSIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine religious liberty, media freedom, and the rule of law in Russia, after receiving testimony from Sergey Cherepanov, Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania, St. Petersburg, Russia; Musa Klebnikov, The Paul Klebnikov Fund, New York, New York; William Browder, Hermitage Capital Management, London, United Kingdom; and Sarah Mendelson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D742)

H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. Signed on June 22, 2009. (Public Law 111–31).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine consumer choices and transparency in the health insurance industry, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Colin Scott Cole Fulton, of Maryland, and Paul T. Anastas, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:45 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Iran, 11 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Capricia Penavic Marshall, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, and Daniel M. Rooney, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Ireland, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine type 1 diabetes research progress, 9 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs quality management activities, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine emergency preparedness, aging and special needs, 10:30 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review implementation of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 2989, 401(k) Fair Disclosure and Pension Security Act of 2009, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Subcommittee on Health, to continue hearings on draft health reform legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, joint hearing on U.S.-Africa Trade Relations: Creating a Platform for Economic Growth, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Regulatory Restructuring: Enhancing Consumer Financial Products Regulation," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.